REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated October 2, 2007, Applicants, through and by their representative, elect the claims of Invention III, drawn to a method of agglomerating microorganisms, for examination on the merits, without traverse. New claims 46-69 are directed to the elected invention.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Audet for the time and courtesy extended to the Applicants' representative in a telephone interview on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. During the interview, aspects of the restriction requirement were discussed.

The present reply is understood to be a complete election in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.142. Examiner Audet is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions with regard to this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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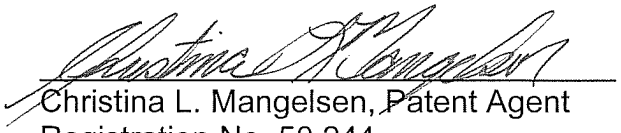
November 2, 2007 BY: 

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